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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the filing of the Divisional Application under Rule 1.53(b), Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments.

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please add the following paragraph immediately following the title of the application and before the Background Of The Invention:

--This is a divisional of Serial No. 09/476,429, filed on December 30, 1999.

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 12-14.

Respectfully submitted,

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